

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN
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| Title of Invention | APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMPROVING TIRES | | | | |
| <p>As the below named inventor, I declare that:</p> <p>This declaration is directed to the invention titled: " APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMPROVING TIRES"</p> <p>I believe that I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;</p> <p>I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;</p> <p>I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.</p> <p>All statements made herein of my knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.</p> | | | | | |
| <p>FULL NAME OF INVENTOR:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"><tr><td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Inventor: Mr. Gale L. Sindt</td><td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Attorney</td></tr><tr><td style="padding: 5px;">Signature : /gregorygwilliams3407/</td><td style="padding: 5px;">Citizen of : US</td></tr></table> | | Inventor: Mr. Gale L. Sindt | Attorney | Signature : /gregorygwilliams3407/ | Citizen of : US |
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PATENT APPLICATION
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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR A PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE RIDE QUALITY OF LIFT TRUCKS, the specification of which is attached hereto.

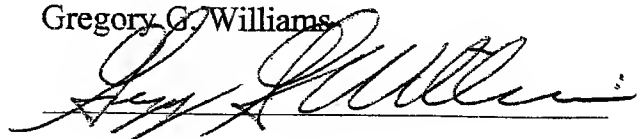
I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a). (Under Sec. 1.56(a) information is material to patentability when it is

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on June 9, 1999, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label No. EE 806 685 844 US addressed to **"BOX PATENT APPLICATION, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231."**

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not cumulative to information already of record before the Patent and Trademark Office with respect to the present application and it establishes either by itself or in combination with other information a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim or it refutes or is inconsistent with a position taken in opposing an argument of unpatentability relied upon by the Patent and Trademark Office or in asserting an argument of patentability. Under this section a prima facie case of unpatentability is established when the information compels a conclusion that a claim is unpatentable under the preponderance of evidence, burden-of-proof standard, giving each term in the claim its broadest reasonable construction consistent with the specification, and before any consideration is given to evidence which may be submitted in an attempt to establish a contrary conclusion of patentability.)

I hereby state that I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof; that to the best of my knowledge and belief the invention has not been in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, or patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns

more than twelve months prior to this application; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns.

I hereby appoint Gregory G. Williams, Reg. No. 31,681, whose postal address is Simmons, Perrine, Albright & Ellwood, P.L.C., 115 Third Street S.E., Suite 1200, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401-1266, telephone (319) 366-7641, as my attorney, with full power of substitution, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith in my behalf.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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